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SUBJECT: EEC/EAMA 11TH PARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE MEETS IN  
ABIDJAN JANUARY 27-29

SUMMARY: THE 11TH EEC/EAMA PARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE WAS  
HELD IN ABIDJAN JAN. 27-29. THE CONFERENCE, ATTENDED BY  
THE 9 EEC STATES AND THE 19 AFRICAN AND INDIAN OCEAN STATES  
(EAMA), WAS THE LAST UNDER YAOUNDE II WHICH EXPIRES JAN. 31.  
AT THE END OF THE CONFERENCE, WHICH WAS LARGELY DEVOTED TO  
A DISCUSSION OF EEC-ACP NEGOTIATIONS, IVORIAN NATIONAL  
ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT PHILLIPPE YACE' ANNOUNCED THE CREATION OF  
A UNION OF AFRICAN PARLIAMENTARIANS. END SUMMARY.

1. THE 11TH EURO-AFRICAN PARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE, UNITING  
PARLIAMENTARIANS FROM THE 9 EEC COUNTRIES AND THE 19 AFRICAN  
AND INDIAN OCEAN STATES (EAMA), WAS HELD IN ABIDJAN JAN. 27-29.  
THE CONFERENCE WAS OPENED WITH GREAT CEREMONY BY IVORIAN  
PRESIDENT HOUPHOUET-BOIGNY, WHO TRACED THE HISTORY OF EURO-  
AFRICAN COOPERATION AND CALLED ON MEMBER STATES TO WORK IN  
A SPIRIT OF AMITY TOWARD A NEW AGREEMENT ASSOCIATING 46  
AFRICAN, CARIBBEAN AND PACIFIC (ACP) COUNTRIES WITH THE EEC.  
ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE WAS PHILIPPE YACE',  
IVORIAN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT. OTHER OFFICERS ELECTED  
WERE CISSE DIA (SENEGAL), BERSANI (ITALY), BO BOLIKO (ZAIRE),  
YEATS (IRELAND), TANDENG MUNA (CAMEROON), FELLERMAIER  
(GERMANY), BOOLEL (MAURITIUS) AND REAY (UK). CORNELIUS  
BERKHOUWER (NETHERLANDS), PRESIDENT OF THE EUROPEAN  
PARLIAMENT AND OUTGOING PRESIDENT FROM LAST YEAR'S MEETING,  
WAS ELECTED FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT FOR THIS SESSION. THE  
CONFERENCE, WHICH WAS COMPOSED OF 54 PARLIAMENTARIANS FROM  
BOTH THE EUROPEAN AND AFRICAN SIDES, WAS THE LAST UNDER THE  
YAOUNDE CONVENTION WHICH EXPIRES JAN. 31. (AT THE OPENING  
OF THE CONFERENCE, HOWEVER, THE PARLIAMENTARIANS RECEIVED  
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A REPORT FROM BRUSSELS THAT THE YAOUNDE AND ARUSHA CONVENTIONS  
WILL BE TEMPORARILY EXTENDED UNTIL JULY 31, 1975, PENDING  
NEGOTIATION OF NEW AGREEMENT.)

2. THE WORK OF THE CONFERENCE, APART FROM RHETORICAL CALLS  
FOR CONTINUED EURO-AFRICAN COOPERATION AND AMITY, AND HEARING  
COMMITTEE REPORTS, WAS LARGELY DEVOTED TO A DISCUSSION OF THE  
CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS FOR A NEW ACCORD BETWEEN THE EEC AND THE

46 DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN AFRICA, THE CARIBBEAN AND PACIFIC (ACP)). THE CONFERENCE ENDED WITH A DECLARATION CALLING ON THE PARTIES CONCERNED TO WORK FOR A SPEEDY CONCLUSION OF CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS FOR A NEW EEC-CP AGREEMENT THE DECLARATION ALSO CALLED FOR AN INTERIM AGREEMENT TO PERMIT ANTICIPATORY APPLICATION OF NEW TRADE AGREEMENT PROVISIONS AND TO PREPARE FOR THE APPLICATION OF THE PROGRAMS PLANNED FOR THE FOURTH YEAR WHILE AWAITING RATIFICATION OF A NEW AGREEMENT.

3. AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE CONFERENCE, IVORIAN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT YACE' ANNOUNCED THE CREATION OF A "UNION OF AFRICAN PARLIAMENTARIANS" FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEVELOPING FRIENDLY AND COOPERATIVE RELATIONS AMONG AFRICAN PARLIAMENTS. A STUDY COMMITTEE HAS BEEN APPOINTED TO LOOK AT THE NATURE, PURPOSES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE PROPOSED ORGANIZATION. THE STUDY COMMITTEE INCLUDES REPRESENTATIVES FROM IVORY COAST, SENEGAL, ZAIRE, CAMEROUN, MAURITANIA, AND MAURITIUS. SIGNING THE DECLARATION, ALONG WITH THE ABOVE MEMBERS OF THE STUDY COMMITTEE, WAS THE REP FROM GABON. LISTED AS OBSERVERS AT THE MEETING WERE REPS FROM THE FOLLOWING COUNTRIES: BURUNDI, CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC, UPPER VOLTA, MALAGASY REPUBLIC, MALI, RWANDA AND TOGO. YACE OF IVORY COAST APPOINTED PRESIDENT OF NEW UNION ON PROVISIONAL BASIS. DIAMANTI

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